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COMPLAINT

Complainant: Richard R. Zitola, 1770 Massachusetts Ave. #226, Cambridge, MA 02140

Respondent: Ben Manski, Campaign Manager, Jill Stein for President 2012,
PO Box 260217, Madison, WI 53726-0217

Violation: Failure to reimburse and report campaign expenses

To Whom It May Concern:

From November 2011 to June 2012, I served as an unpaid volunteer for the Jill Stein for President 2012 Campaign. During that time, I was in frequent, direct contact with both the candidate, Jill Stein, and campaign manager, Ben Manski. My primary role was to be the candidate's scheduler. I took strategic direction from the campaign manager, and was in contact with green party officials and volunteers in various states to develop detailed itineraries for the candidate. I also provided direct support to the candidate during many of those tours.

Although I was willing to donate my time and expected no compensation for it, I could not afford to donate money, and fully expected all my expenses to be reimbursed. The vast majority of my expenses were plane and train tickets that I purchased for the candidate on behalf of the campaign. My only campaign-related travel expenses were incurred when I was travelling with the candidate or picking her up from the airport or her home, in either my vehicle, her vehicle, or a rented vehicle.

The candidate was not directly involved in dealing with expenses, which instead were handled by the campaign manager. He was fully aware that I was purchasing tickets for the candidate, as we frequently discussed the details and timing of her flights, as well as tips to get cheaper fares. He also was fully aware that I expected to be reimbursed, as we discussed my submitting my expenses for reimbursement many times. I was overwhelmed and struggling with the workload of my scheduling tasks, and was unable to complete a full formal report of my expenses until someone else took over as scheduler.

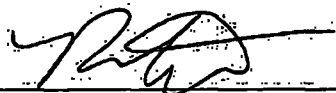
I did complete a full accounting of my expenses totalling roughly \$6,000 and brought the full report in person to the Presidential Nominating Convention in Baltimore on July 14, 2012. The

convention was very busy and I was told to mail the report to the national office in Madison, which I did a few days later (certified mail receipt attached). After the convention, I was no longer actively involved in the campaign, and had almost no contact with campaign staff. Over the course of the following months, I repeatedly contacted the campaign manager for an update on my reimbursement and was repeatedly put off, saying he did not have time to review them. To date, I have not received any reimbursement for any of my expenses, and have been unable to get a clear answer from the campaign as to when I can expect to be reimbursed.

I believe I made an error on my submitted expense report of including the candidate's groceries while travelling, so please exclude that from the total claimed.

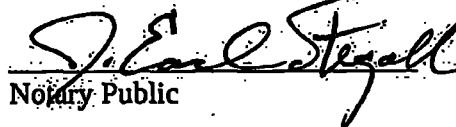
Attached is the full expense report that I submitted to the campaign, including copies of receipts and other documentation of my expenses (index item numbers in red were added after submission). Also attached are a few select emails between myself and the campaign manager and others, illustrating the nature of our contact and coordination.

I swear that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge.



Richard R. Zitola

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of Jan., 2013.


Notary Public